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AUTOPSY REPORT

(see attached Report of Anthropology Consultation)

Case No. ML83-6849

November 17, 2008

ON THE BODY OF

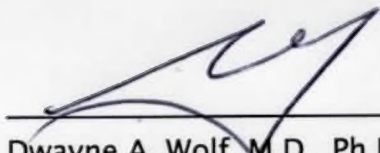
Unidentified Skeletal Remains

CAUSE OF DEATH: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

MANNER OF DEATH: Undetermined

DATE OF DEATH: Found August 4, 1983

Reviewed by:


Dwayne A. Wolf, M.D., Ph.D.
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner

08/27/09
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ML83-6849

REPORT OF ANTHROPOLOGY CONSULTATION

CASE NUMBER: ML83-6849
NAME: Unknown
PATHOLOGIST: Unknown
DATE (analyzed): November 17, 2008

As a part of the Anthropology Division/Identification Unit review of unidentified HCME cases, ML83-6849 was reexamined. Base on the records present in the unidentified decedent folder, it appears the remains were initially identified as non-forensic and a pathologist was not assigned to the case nor was an autopsy performed. My opinions is the remains are forensic and a skeletal analysis and unidentified decedent work-up is done.

Inventory:

The Investigator's Report lists several elements received from the Jefferson County Precinct 3. The list is consistent with the current inventory. No skeletal element is duplicated. The elements are consistent in size, development, and condition and represent a single individual. The skeletal inventory is listed below.

- Right Humerus
- Right and left ulnae
- Right and left radii
- Left lunate
- Left metacarpals I-III Hand phalanges (2)
- Right rib fragments (7)
- Left rib fragments (1)

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Un-sided rib fragments (10)
Lumbar vertebrae (5)
Sacrum
Right and left innominates
Right and left femurs
Right and left tibiae
Right and left fibulae
Right and left calcanei
Right and left tali
Right 3rd cuneiform
Right metatarsals I, III, IV
Left metatarsals IV, V

Skeletal Profile

Summary:

Ancestry: Undetermined

Sex: Male

Age: 17-22 years

Stature: 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11")

Ancestry

Insufficient skeletal remains were recovered for accurate ancestry estimation.

Sex

The estimated sex of the decedent is male. The estimate is based on the metric analysis of the postcranium and the morphology of the innominates. Features observed in the innominates consistent with males include subpubic convexity, narrow sciatic notch, and flat sacral attachment. The maximum diameter of femoral head is within the male range.

Age:

The age-at-death of the decedent is estimated to be 17-22 years. The age estimate is based on the pattern of epiphyseal fusion. The iliac crest, distal radial, distal ulnar, and distal femoral epiphyses are completely open. These sites typically begin to fuse around the age of 18 years. The lumbar vertebral rim, ischial tuberosity and sacral segments have begun to fuse. Fusion is typically completed by the mid twenties. The epiphyses of the remaining bones are fully fused.

Stature:

The stature estimate is 65-71 inches (5'5"- 5'11"). The estimate is based on the combined comparison of the maximum length of the tibia and sacrum to the Forensic Database using the 20th century White and Black male algorithms.

Trauma

Antemortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of antemortem trauma.

Perimortem:

The remains are unremarkable in terms of perimortem trauma.

Postmortem:

The ends of the long bones are eroded, exposing the trabecular bone. The ribs are highly fragmented. The remains are recovered from a shoreline. The pattern of postmortem trauma is consistent with a surface disposition.

The pubic symphyses have been cut from the innominates. The cut mark is consistent with an autopsy saw. The morphology of the pubic symphysis is a good age indicator and the pubes were most likely removed for age assessment.

Pathologies and Individualizing Characteristics

The remains are unremarkable for pathologies or individualizing characteristics.

Postmortem Interval:

The remains are completely void of tissue and are odorless. They are uniformly stained and well-weathered. The remains are found along a shoreline. Based on the

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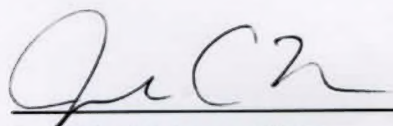
conditions of the elements and the depositional environment, an accurate interval between death and discovery cannot be estimated.

Identification:

The remains are unidentified. The decedent description is disseminated through the NCIC (NIC #U220022155) and NamUs and is posted on the HCME website. A DNA sample is submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center for STR and mtDNA analysis. Radiographs of the skeletal remains are taken and archived.

Summary:

The biological profile of the decedent is a 17-22 year old, male with a stature of 65-71 inches. No perimortem trauma is observed on the remains. The unidentified decedent description is disseminated.



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4/13/2009
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JOSEPH A. JACHIMCZYK FORENSIC CENTER

Judge Ray Chesson
19217 FM 365
Beaumont, TX 77705

August 27, 2009

Dear Judge Chesson,

Please find enclosed the autopsy report for case ML83-6849. According to original paperwork, these remains were recovered in Jefferson County approximately ½ mile from the Chambers County border on August 4, 1983, and were forwarded to the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office by Justice of the Peace A. E. Halter, Precinct Three of Jefferson County.

The documentation we currently have regarding the case is sparse, but suggests the remains were initially regarded as not being of forensic importance. The remains were subsequently archived at the HCMEO. During an inventory of the archived remains by forensic anthropologists, it was decided that the remains lack typical markers associated with historic remains and that they were potentially of forensic importance. As a result, a complete skeletal analysis was done. The decedent's description was entered into the National Criminal Information System and a bone sample was submitted to the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center to obtain a DNA profile. On December 18, 2008, the remains were released to Harris County Bereavement Services for burial.

In light of the fact that the case originated in Jefferson County, the Harris County Medical Examiner is unable to certify the death. Carnes Funeral Home (713.943.2500), the funeral responsible for burial of the remains, will forward a death certificate to you for you to certify the death.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Love, Ph.D., D-ABFA
Forensic Anthropology Director

UNIDENTIFIED

EYE COLOR: _____

✓ ML#: 73-6849

HAIR COLOR: _____

DATE OF DEATH: 11-17-83

LENGTH: _____

FACIAL HAIR: _____

RACE: _____

COLOR: _____

SEX: _____

AGE: _____

HEIGHT: _____

WEIGHT: _____

SCARS: Bones - Do not be concerned - ID - It's impossible

MARKS: _____

TATTOOS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

OTHER: _____

DENTAL: _____

PLACE OF DEATH: Jefferson Co.

TIME OF DEATH: _____

POLICE AGENCY: _____ CASE #: _____

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

() AUTOPSY
() VIEW
() INQUEST ONLY

Investigator Evans/Wingo

Case No. 83-5889

UNKNOWN BONES

Decedent	Race	Sex	Age	D.O.B.
Home Address				
Telephone				
Date of Death	TIME	() A.M. — (x) P.M. — FOUND	(x) YES () NO ()	
Place of Death		City/County Precinct Telephone		
HOSPITAL CHART NO.				

Wingo DATE: 10-4-83 TIME: 9:00 (x) A.M. — () P.M.
M.E. Notified:
Morgue DATE: 11-17-83 TIME: 2:30 () A.M. — (x) P.M.
Place of Inquest
Justice of Peace A.E. Halter/Chamber Co. S.O./ Jefferson Co. S.O.
Informant

Next of Kin	Address	Relationship
		A.M. P.M.
Next of Kin Notified by	Date	Time Telephone
Personal Physician	Address	Telephone

Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body: SEE ATTACHED REPORT.

Clothing: _____

INFORMATION This case came to cause by an order from JUSTICE OF THE PEACE A.E. HALTER, PRCT.
THREE, JEFFERSON COUNTY.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF BONES WAS DETERMINED ON 11-17-83:

(2) ilium crest (pelvic)	(1) elbow joint (arm)	(12) rib
(2) femur (leg)	(1) coccygeal vertebra (back)	(4) meta carpal bone (hand)
(2) fibula (leg)	(2) radius (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
(2) tibia (leg)	(2) ulna (arm)	(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)
(5) vertebra (back)	(1) long arm bone (arm)	(3) phalanges (hand)
		(2) 1st metatarsal bone (hand)

M.E. Photos () Yes (x) No Police Agency JEFFERSON COUNTY S.O. Case No. 893 44231

Property none

Funeral Home Transporting Decedent none () Requested
() Dispatched
7/ Jefferson Co. S.O.

INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

Date: 11-18-83

Continuation/Supplement

Investigator Evans

Time: 6:00 AM

Case No. 83-6849

BONE DESCRIPTION CONTINUED:

(5) phalanges (foot)

(2) talus (foot)

(2) calcaneus (foot)

(50) bones total

Humerus 11 $\frac{1}{16}$ (RIGHT)

Rochis 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ (LEFT)

Rochis 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Ulna 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ "

Ulna 9 $\frac{1}{16}$ "

Femur 16 "

Femur 16 "

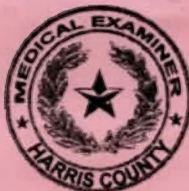
Fibula 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Fibula 13 $\frac{3}{8}$ "

Tibia 14 "

Tibia 14 "

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☒ Primary
☐ RELEASE FROM PENDING
☐ AMENDMENT(S)
☐ INQUEST ONLY

CASE NUMBER: 11133-6849
DECEDENT: Unknown male
DOD: _____
EDR #: _____

Part 1 Cause of Death: Undetermined (skeletal remains)

Part 2 Other Conditions: _____

Please Circle your Selection

Autopsy or Inquest

Autopsy Findings Available Prior to Completion of Cause of Death

Yes or No

Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death

Yes No Probably Unknown

Certified in TER

initials

date

IF FEMALE:

☐ Not pregnant within past year
☐ Pregnant at time of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant within 42 days of death
☐ Not pregnant, but pregnant 43 days to 1 year before death
☐ Unknown if pregnant within the past year

Manner of Death: Undetermined

Describe How Injury Occurred: _____

Medical Examiner

Date

DATE 11-17-83 RACE _____ SEX _____ EST. AGE _____
TIME 9:30pm LOCATION Jeff. Co. S.O.
HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____ EYES _____ HAIR _____

CAN BODY BE VIEWED ☐ YES ☐ NO POLICE AGENCY _____
CASE NUMBER _____

SCARS: _____
_____ From Jefferson County

TATTOOS: _____
_____ Do not be concerned
_____ & identification. Impossible!

DENTAL: _____
_____ Will enter in 12/15
_____ CODIS pending
_____ location of file
_____ u8

X-RAYS: _____

PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

CLOTHING: _____

DENTAL RECORD BY: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTS TO
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___ DEN
___ POLI
___ INVE
___ AUTO
___ TOXI
___ DNA
___ ANTH

ENTE
DATE
NIC #

IPS ID
ICSO 1

RELEASED
DATE: _____



Bereavement Services of Harris County Community & Economic Development
Department Social Services Division- Bereavement hereby authorizes the removal
of the decedent's remains as follows:

Funeral Home Carnes Funeral Home

Decedent: Unknown, Male

Mother's name (*babies only*):

AGE: 17-23 age

Date of death: 11/17/1983

ME Case # 83-6849

Decedent is VIEWABLE or ☒ **NONVIEWABLE** or Unknown
(check one)

Body Location: Medical Examiner, 1885 Old Spanish Trail, Houston Texas 77054
(Please verify location of decedent up before dispatching for a pick up)

Virginia Stethum
Agent for HCSS

12/15/08
Date

HCSS contacted the following next of kin for the release of this decedent:

1. No next of kin found
2. Full skeletal
3. Full casket
4. HC burial set for 12/19/2008

DEC 1 2008 RCUD

Harris County Bereavement Services Referral Form -- HCME Cases

HCME Case Number: <u>ML83-6849</u>		Referral Date: <u>November 26, 2008</u>	
Last Name: <u>UNKNOWN</u>	First Name: <u>UNKNOWN</u>	Middle Name: <u>M/17-23</u>	Date and Time of Death: <u>11/17/1983 5:30:00 PM</u>
Place of Death <u>SHORELINE</u>			
Street:	City of Death: <u>HOUSTON</u>	County of Death: <u>JEFFERSON</u>	Death Zip Code:
Cause of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>		Reporting Agency: <u>JEFFERSON COUNTY PRECINCT 3</u>	
		Incident Number: <u>NO CASE NUMBER</u>	
Manner of Death: <u>Undetermined</u>		Agency Contact:	
Signing Physician: <u>ANTHROPOLOGIST</u>		Physician Contact Phone: <u>713-796-9292</u>	
Age: <u>0 YEARS</u>	Date of Birth:	Race:	Weight in Pounds:
			Height in Inches: <u>0</u>
SSN:	Sex: <u>MALE</u>	Foreign Origin:	Veteran:
Residence Address:	City: <u>HOUSTON</u>	State: <u>TX</u>	Zip Code:
Next of Kin First Name: <u>COUNTY BURIAL</u>	Next of Kin Middle Name:	Next of Kin Last Name:	
Next of Kin Relationship: <u>OTHER</u>	Next of Kin Phone:	Date Next of Kin Located:	
Next of Kin Address:	Next of Kin City: <u>HOUSTON</u>	Next of Kin State	NOK Zip: <u>TX</u>
Date Next of Kin Notified:	Date of 15 Day Letter:	Type of Referral:	
		HC Guardianship Family	Indigent No NOK/Unknown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Referred by: Ruth Mathis, D-ABMDI
Identification Specialist
Phone: 713-796-6774

Sharon M. Derrick

HCME Supervisor Approval:
Sharon M. Derrick, PhD
County Burial Supervisor

875^e
HC Cemetery
12/19/08
V.S.

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**Funeral Director's
Authorization to Claim Form**

Date: 12-18-08

Medical Legal #: 83-6849

Name of Decedent: Unknown

I, Thomas Biele, representing Carus FH,
visually inspected the body of the above named decedent, and have compared the name
and medical/legal number of the decedent to 1) the Identification Tag, 2) the Autopsy
Information and Release Form and, 3) the Transit Envelope, and have found all three
documents to correspond to the body I am authorized to claim from the Harris County
Medical Examiner.

Thomas Biele
Signature

Carus FH
Name of Firm

887

Texas Funeral Commission
License Number

Reviewed and Signed by: Shane Jack
(HCME Representative)

12/18/08
Date



Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
Forensic Anthropology Division
Case Chain-of-Custody



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Anthropologist Receiving

J. Love

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

J. With

Date of Transfer

11/17/08 2:04pm

Date of Return

11/20/08

Anthropologist Transferring

J. C. 2nd

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

K. Taylor 11/20/08 3:56p

Anthropologist Receiving

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

Date of Transfer

Date of Return

Anthropologist Transferring

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

Anthropologist Receiving

Autopsy Assistant Transferring

Date of Transfer

Date of Return

Anthropologist Transferring

Autopsy Assistant Receiving

HARRIS CO. ME



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